(c) if so, details in this regard and to what extent the growth of employment in the rural areas of the country will be boosted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVLYA): (a) Shri T. Nakamura, ADG, ILO, during his recent visit to India mentioned in a general way that ILO could provide expertise to India to explore the possibility of generating more employment in rural areas. However, no specific project has been posed by ILO for acceptance by India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Items for export by Pepsico Produced by others

440. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the select list of items to be produced by others, which the Pepsi joint venture propose to export, has been finalised;

(b) if so, what are the names of those items; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be decided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Government do not have information on the list of items to be exported by M/s. Punjab Agro-Pepsi-Tata venture besides the items to be exported by them from their own production.

Shortage of strategic non-Ferrous Metals in the country

441. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether due to acute shortage of strategic non-ferrous metals like copper, aluminium and zinc in the country, a large number of major core industries have been crippled;

(b) if so, the reasons for the acute shortage of non-ferrous metals in the country; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate quantum of non-ferrous metals to the industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As the indigenous production of copper and zinc is not adequate to meet the total requirement in the country, the gap is met by imports canalized through Minerals and Matals Trading Corporation (MMTC), besides imports under the REP Licence.

As regards aluminium, the indigenous production in the current financial year is expected to meet the level of demand. However, import of aluminium has been placed on Open General Licence (OGL).

Availability of rice and wheat to Fair Price Shops

442. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fair Price Shops in the capital are not getting their full quota of rice and wheat thus depriving the consumers to visit a number of times in a month;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to make availability of rice